

Abstract

The bachelor thesis "The Analysis of the Palach Week in 1989 in Selected Media" deals with the presentation of (presents) incidents which happened during the Palach Week on from the 15th to the 21st of January 1989 in the official media and their unofficial alternatives. The aim of this work is to clarify, how truthful or misleading was information in the largest media in the context of real historical events in the totalitarian establishment of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.

The theme is based on an act of Jan Palach in 1969, which has been reminded twenty years later by manifestations of civil initiatives calling for democratization of the regime. The work researches news reports and articles in The Czechoslovak Television, The Czechoslovak Radio, Radio Free Europe, BBC, Voice of America, Prague's Evening newspaper (Večerní Praha) and Lidové noviny. By using the qualitative content and frequency analysis, it compares the information given to the people by the normalization media controlled by the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia and the independent samizdat titles.